

Equity for Our Nation's Self-Employed Act (H.R. 4961)

Advocacy's Letter to Congresswoman Hart and Chairman Manzullo

On April 4, 2006, the Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) sent a letter supporting the Equity for Our Nation's Self-Employed Act (H.R. 4961) to Congresswoman Melissa Hart and House Small Business Committee Chairman Donald Manzullo. Advocacy's letter highlighted the need for a level playing field to ensure that small businesses have access to more affordable health insurance. A complete copy of Advocacy's letter to the conference committee may be accessed at <http://www.sba.gov/advo/laws/comments/legislative.html>.

The Equity for Our Nation's Self-Employed Act will make health insurance more affordable for small businesses.

- H.R. 4961 corrects a current inequity by permitting health insurance premiums to be deducted when calculating self-employment payroll taxes.
- Currently only the self-employed are NOT permitted to exclude health insurance premiums when calculating payroll taxes.
- Advocacy research demonstrates that health insurance deductibility improves the viability of small businesses. The complete research study can be accessed at <http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/rs273tot.pdf>.

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